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Letter dated 19 November 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instruction from my Government and further to my letter dated 7 November 2018, I am writing to draw your attention to the recent flagrant violations committed by the Houthi militias in Hudaydah, as follows:

- On 7 November 2018, the militias attacked the city of Tahita and targeted government forces, in violation of international humanitarian law and the four Geneva Conventions and their annexes.
- On 9 November 2018, the militias entered the 22 May Hospital, deployed weapons and machine guns and detained patients, doctors and health workers, both Yemeni and foreign nationalities, against their will. This hospital is the only private operational hospital in Hudaydah and neighbouring governorates that serves all wounded and sick people.
- On 14 November 2018, the militias bombed the 22 May School in Jah, Bayt al-Faqih district, in Hudaydah governorate.
- On 15 November 2018, the militias launched a large campaign of kidnappings of a number of residents of different ages in Hudaydah city, accusing them of cooperating with the government forces. It also bombed a mosque and many buildings and has continued to plant mines in the streets of the city as well as the port entrances.
- On 17 November 2018, the militias also bombed Thabit Group factories, which provided 6,000 jobs to support more than 30,000 people.
- On the same day, the militias converted Ghilal al-Sanabil silos, Suhail silos, Al-Zailai silos and Awdi silos into military barracks. These facilities contained the largest stock of grain in Yemen at a time when the country is already suffering from severe food shortages.

The deliberate prevention of access to and distribution of grains to the most needy people would lead to a rapid deterioration of the humanitarian situation. This is an obvious attempt by the Houthi militias to pressure the international community through the politicization of the humanitarian aspect and use it as a means to achieve their political ambitions.

Therefore, I urge, once again, the Security Council to condemn in the strongest terms these blatant, inhumane acts by the Houthi militias, apply more pressure on the militias to immediately stop such violations and hold them accountable.

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I would be grateful if you could have the present letter circulated to all the members of the Security Council and have it issued as a document of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative